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Unified School District is to
provide an equitable education
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life.*

Technology Advancement Office
South Coast AQMD
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, California 71765

Subject: Letter of Support for Moreno Valley Unified School District Proposal for EPA Targeted Airshed Grant Program

Dear South Coast AQMD,

The Moreno Valley Unified School District staff is pleased to offer its support for the EPA Targeted Airshed Grant Program to replace 38 diesel-powered school buses with electric.

Moreno Valley Unified School District, in partnership with InCharge, is committed to support the full implementation of the replacement effort, where Moreno Valley Unified School District will be deployed. Moreno Valley USD is dedicated to the electrification of our fleet to support the health and wellness of our students and community. To achieve this goal, our transportation yard has been reorganized, upgraded, and prepped to support the proposed 38 electric school buses. Site electrical infrastructure improved are complete, including a vault, pad, and underground stub outs for the future switchgear. Charging station locations have been identified and prepped for installation. In addition, in 2020 a robust solar project was completed onsite that produces 293kw per day. New perimeter fencing with automated gates have been installed to beautify and secure our reorganized facilities. Moreno Valley USD is invested and actively working to ensure the success of this project.

The South Coast Air Basin is classified as an "extreme" nonattainment area for ozone under the federal Clean Air Act. Moreno Valley Unified School District services a severely disadvantage community that received a 98 on the EnviroScreen 4.0 report. The air quality is one of the worst areas in the South Coast Air District and a wide-scale deployment of zero-emission school buses will be a critical step toward achieving improved air quality standards. This project provides considerable public health benefits for Moreno Valley, especially in disadvantaged communities that are disproportionately exposed to harmful diesel emissions. Furthermore, greater deployment of such technologies is expected to not only reduce criteria pollutants, but also provide significant greenhouse gas benefits, reduce California's use and dependence on petroleum transportation fuels and improve the air quality of Moreno Valley.

Moreno Valley USD staff strongly urges the EPA to help fund our proposed project:

South Coast AQMD is applying for the TAG Grant, Low-Emissions School Bus Replacement Project on behalf of Moreno Valley USD in the amount of \$4,390,012.00, balance of \$8,562,150.46 voluntary cost share. Moreno Valley USD secured vouchers with HVIP in the amount of \$4,462,500.00 leaving a balance of \$4,099,650.46 matching monies committed by Moreno Valley Unified School District for the procurement of 38 electric school buses to replace 38 diesel school buses.

Moreno Valley USD will retain ownership of these buses immediately upon award.

If you have any questions about our support, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Susana Lopez, Chief Business Official